

This circumstantial account removes all doubt respecting the true home of this shell. Notwithstanding its close affinity to *H. fringilla*, the remoteness of the habitats of the two species and the extreme isolation of the Sandwich Islands are sufficient reasons in themselves to determine the specific distinctness of these snails.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On the Structure of the Lower Jaw in Rhizodopsis and Rhizodus.

To the Editors of the Annals and Magazine of Natural History.

GENTLEMEN,—Though most cordially appreciating the valuable services rendered to science by the researches, into the fossil Vertebrata of the Northumberland Coal-field, of the late distinguished naturalist, Mr. Albany Hancock, in conjunction with Mr. Thomas Atthey, I may nevertheless be permitted to record my entire dissent from the opinions published by them with regard to the so-called “præmaxilla” of *Rhizodopsis*.

Having read Mr. Atthey’s “Notes” in the last number of the ‘Annals,’ all I need say on the matter is that my paper “On the Structure of the Lower Jaw in *Rhizodopsis* and *Rhizodus*” was not written without due and careful examination of the subject, and that since then I have seen no reason to change my opinion.

I am, yours &c.,

Edinburgh, August 7, 1877.

R. H. TRAQUAIR.

Note on the Genus Pœoptera. By Dr. F. BRÜGGEMANN.

From an inspection of several skins of *Pœoptera lugubris* in the British-Museum collection, I have come to the conclusion that this bird is identical with the recently described *Myiopsar cryptopyrrhus* of Cabanis. As the specific name “*lugubris*” was applied to it by a mistake, and thus the species had properly no name of its own until 1876, it will stand as *Pœoptera cryptopyrrha*. The natural affinities of this form (which has been placed amongst the fly-catchers, chats, and glossy starlings by the several authors) appear to me to be with the Dicruridæ.

I have communicated the above identification, together with these remarks, to Mr. R. B. Sharpe, to whom it was new, and who has kindly inserted it in his ‘Catalogue of Birds,’ vol. iii. p. 281.